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S.F. MAYOR'S RACE: NEW POLLING DATA STILL SHOWS INCUMBENT MAYOR ART AGNOS UNDER 30%.

The newest poll on the hot S.F. Mayor's race in November shows that incumbent Art Agnos is still in DEEP trouble, with only 29% of those polled saying they would vote for him if the election were held now. The poll was published in the S.F. Chronicle on Aug. 29. Sample size was 600 registered voters...

...Tied for SECOND were former SFPD Chief Frank Jordan and County Sup. Angela Alioto, both at 19%. S.F. Co. Assessor Richard Hongisto and County Sup. Tom Hsieh were both at 8%, with 1% for "other" and 16% undecided...

...In 1-on-1 matches between the top five, only Alioto is able to beat Agnos, 44% to 39%. Agnos, for all the negatives that seem to plague him, is still able to beat Jordan (48% to 38%) and both Hongisto and Hsieh, by the same margin: 48% to 33%...

...Nevertheless, this is about the 4th or 5th poll which shows Agnos still below 33% and that's not good news. The poll isn't especially good news for either Jordan or Hongisto. Neither has moved since the last poll. The poll is helpful to Alioto. What about Hsieh???

...Hsieh's targets are Asian-Americans and the city's business establishment - both known to be moderate to conservative in voting habits. Unlike Jordan, who may be getting toward the bottom of his warchest, Hsieh still has yet to spend most of his large warchest. In addition, Hsieh is hoping that POSITIVE publicity from his sponsorship of Measure A on the November ballot will give his campaign a needed lift...

...#A would reduce city payroll by allowing 1,500 workers to take early retirement ---

and would do away with 500 of those jobs so they can't be refilled. Savings would be about \$700 million over 20 years, according to the Hsieh campaign. Hsieh's fiscal message is echoed in the Sept. 2nd issue of Forbes, which calls S.F. City Hall policies "self-destructive lunacy." Stay tuned...

CRP CONVENTION IN ANAHEIM SEPT. 13-15 WILL SEE LOTS OF WILSON BASHING & CONTROVERSY...

It would probably be better if CA Gov. Pete Wilson(R) were NOT going to the upcoming CA Republican Party convention in Anaheim Sept. 13-15, BUT he has been added to the agenda for Friday the 13th. He'll address CRP delegates who attend the Nixon Library event before returning to Sacto...

...For those who haven't kept up, CA's top elected Republican had NOT been scheduled to attend this upcoming CRP gathering. The official reason for Wilson NOT being included (up to now) had been that business in the Capitol would keep him away. BUT the real reason Wilson had not been included had more to do with the governor's ROCKY relationship with hardline conservatives, who make up a majority of CRP delegates...

...How NASTY are things likely to be at the upcoming CRP convention for Wilson backers? Very BAD, according to a number of CALPEEK sources. Two of the resolutions under consideration are aimed directly at Gov. Wilson. One resolution would change the way GOP presidential delegates are selected to attend the national convention. As the by-laws currently read, it's the CAMPAIGN of the presidential winner in Calif. that gets to name delegates. Under the proposed by-law change, it would be the CRP which picks the delegates. In the past, it's been the GOVERNOR who has been the honorary chair of

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many presidential campaigns — and thus in charge of selecting the delegates. If this resolution passes, it's POSSIBLE Wilson could be EXCLUDED from the 1992 Calif. delegation...

...The other key by-law change deals with the selection of the two Calif. national committee members(1 man/1 woman). Under the current rules, these two persons are selected at the GOP national convention. But under the new by-law, the CRP would vote on these appointments...

...Delegates are also expected to vote on a controversial CONDEMNATION resolution aimed at the RNC for pouring \$70,000 into the campaign of moderate Republican assembly candidate B.T. Collins in the 5th A.D. in northern Calif. Collins, who was supported by Gov. Wilson, defeated hardline conservative Barbara Alby in a very bitter GOP primary in mid-summer. It was Wilson who got the RNC to donate \$70,000 to Collins, so this anti-Wilson resolution is another example of the "Don't Get Mad, Get Even" politics by GOP hardline conservatives...

...FYI: The controversy doesn't end just yet. U.S. Rep. Bill Dannemeyer(Fullerton) and CA Assemblyman Gil Ferguson(Newport Beach) have two resolutions held over from the last convention that will: 1) ban CRP charters from GOP organizations or clubs which are based on sexual preference — in other words, kill off the gay & lesbian Log Cabin Republican Clubs; and 2) write into the official by-laws that the CRP goes on record in favor of the heterosexual lifestyle. Sources think both resolutions will be approved. Stay tuned...

FORUM ON EDUCATIONAL REFORM SLATED OCT. 11.

Reshaping and improving elementary and secondary education in Calif. is the topic of a half-day seminar/panel discussion called "Education Reform: America's New Frontier." It will be presented beginning at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 11 at the Biltmore Hotel, L.A. Among the panelists are CA Sec. of Education Maureen DiMarco; LEARN President Mike Roos; and Corporate Community Schools of America CEO, Dr. Elaine Mosley. The forum is sponsored by the Calif. and L.A. Chambers of Commerce and by Hitachi Ltd. For info and RSVPs, contact Sue Szefflin (213) 857-5802 by Sept. 23rd...

JERRY BROWN FORMS PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

So, just like S.F. attorney Neil Eisenberg predicted back in January of 1989, former CA Gov. Jerry Brown is now running for the Democratic Party's nomination for President in 1992. He has filed the necessary paperwork with the Federal Elections Commission. At the same time, Brown officially dropped his U.S. Senate campaign to succeed Alan Cranston(D), who is retiring at the end of his current term. This was certainly good news for Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy and U.S. Reps. Barbara Boxer and Mel Levine, all Demos who trail Brown in the polls. It's bad news for GOPers Bruce Herschensohn and U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell — because while Brown might have been able to win a Demo senate primary, many sources think he would NOT be so lucky in a general election. Too much NEGATIVE baggage from the past...

...Brown didn't hold a news conference, but rather issued a 10-page, Dear Friend letter to past and present supporters. In the letter, the former CDP chairman says that the current political system is corrupted by money, campaign consultants, PACs and politicians who can't be trusted. This theme of a corrupt system is repeated ad nauseam throughout the 10 pages — and you would think that ONLY Jerry Brown can save the country. Not once does he tell his supporters what he plans to do to correct the situation or system. It's totally negative, blame America first stuff — and to top it off, Brown says he won't accept any contributions over \$100. Stay tuned...

REMAAPPING WARS: CALPEEK TO ANALYZE PLANS.

Once all the REAPPORTIONMENT PLANS are made public, CALPEEK will do an analysis of the new House, State Senate and State Assembly boundaries — with a Winners & Losers list of elected officials. From what has leaked out so far, it appears that State Senators Al Alquist(D), Ralph Dills(D) and Quentin Kopp(I) could be on the LOSERS list. We'll know more next week. Stay tuned...

PROP. 140 ORAL ARGUMENTS BEFORE CA SUPREME COURT TO AIR LIVE ON CAL-SPAN ON SEPT. 12.

Some 2-million Calif. cable viewers will get to see the CA Supreme Court in action for the first time Sept. 12, when oral arguments are presented on Prop. 140. CAL-SPAN will carry the court action live...

FULL METAL JACKET: CAN ASSAULT RIFLE BILL OF 1989 BE FIXED? OR IS LAW UNWORKABLE???

Editor's note: AG Dan Lungren and Senate Pres. David Roberti(D-L.A.) have reached an agreement on cleaning up the original 1989 Roberti-Roos Assault Weapons Control Act. Some insiders are calling this new clean up bill the Roberti-Lungren Act, SB 263. This new law may be just the thing that anti-gun types like, but there's a bigger question: was the original assault weapons bill legal or necessary? Here is part 2 of CALPEEK's report on 2 memos written by S.C. Helsley, asst. director of Investigations & Enforcement Branch, CA Dept. of Justice...

...One of the key FLAWS with the original Roberti-Roos bill was that there were NO provisions for studying what types of weapons were being used in various crimes here in Calif. According to Helsley's Feb. 14, 1991 memo to Asst. AG Patrick Kenady, at a special meeting shortly after the Stockton schoolyard shooting, Roberti, then AG John Van de Kamp, former Assemblyman Mike Roos(D-L.A.) and Sheriffs Sherman Block of L.A. and Glenn Craig of Sacto (plus other law enforcement types) decided that future studies on weapons used in crimes would NOT be included in the bill because the information was "unlikely to support the theses on which the law was to be based."...

...In other words, information back in 1989 showed that AK-47s, Uzis & AR-15s WERE NOT the weapons being used in most crimes. In 1990, for example, of 378 firearms submitted for analysis to the Bureau of Forensic Services(BFS), only 22 were on the Roberti-Roos list. Without a method to study which weapons ARE and are NOT being used in crimes, how does one modify the current Roberti-Roos list of outlawed weapons???

...In addition to this serious flaw in the bill, Helsley's memo says "too many people were adding or subtracting weapons from the legislation." As for the actual writing of the law, Helsley's memo says the "principal players in crafting the legislation had absolutely NO KNOWLEDGE of firearms." That's comforting. And it turns out that in the original bill, most of the weapons on the list were either low production or long out of production items that "constitute no conceivable threat." And guess what? According to the Helsley memo, Deputy Legislative

Counsel Thomas Heuer was of the opinion that the AK-47 used by Patrick Purdy in the Stockton schoolyard shooting was NOT covered by the bill or law...

...Bottomline: Unless the new legislation by Roberti and Lungren has fixed these key flaws, several sources suggest the entire bill should be scrapped. And a larger question presents itself: with the 15-day waiting period law in place, plus some other gun laws now on the books, is it really necessary to ban assault weapons? Stay tuned...

1992 U.S. SENATE RACES: SOME ODDS & ENDS.

Editor's note: Here's an update on some recent developments about the two U.S. Senate contests here in Calif...

● HERSCHENSOHN TO LEAVE TV/RADIO - Conservative TV/radio commentator Bruce Herschensohn will resign his jobs at KABC-TV and KABC Radio in L.A. His final TV commentary will be Sept. 30 and his last radio address will be Oct. 1. Any bets on whether he plugs his U.S. Senate campaign???

...Many insiders felt Herschensohn would stay on the air until just before filing, but that wasn't to be. Herschensohn says campaigning was becoming a FULL TIME job. No doubt that's true, especially FUNDRAISING, where Herschensohn has been lagging far behind GOP U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell of Menlo Park. GOP fundraising consultant Lynn Bryan has been hired to beef up this part of BH's campaign. Herschensohn also has opened a senate HQ at 1601 Dove St., #190, Newport Beach, CA 92660. (714)263-0991. Nicholas Thimmesch II has been hired as media director...

● CAMPBELL ANNOUNCES TEAM - Lead consultant Ron Smith has named the rest of the campaign team which will run U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell's primary race against Herschensohn. Both are seeking the seat now held by retiring U.S. Sen. Alan Cranston(D). The TV/media consultant will be Washington D.C.-based Mike Murphy; with Sacto-based Ray McNally handling direct mail. Rounding out the team will be S.F.-based consultant Joe Shumate. Campbell's fundraising team is chaired by Sally Herrick, with directors Alice Borden, Nancy Dooley, Jane Clark, Juanita Hayes, Karen Keane, Kimberley Williams and Mike Williams...

CALPEEK'S CONSULTANTS DIRECTORY: UPDATE...

We're still missing questionnaires from a number of campaign consultants and lawyers who specialize in campaign law. Get those forms in ASAP. The deadline for advertising in the directory is Sept. 27. Need information about advertising? Contact Jill Barad at (818)906-0960...

FOUR INCUMBENTS ARE HEAVY FAVORITES IN SAN DIEGO COUNCIL ELECTIONS SET FOR SEPT. 17..

Editor's note: The even numbered council seats are up this Sept. 17 in San Diego district elections where the AVERAGE turnout may not go higher than 22%. Incumbents in Districts 2, 4 and 6 face only 1 rival, meaning a winner-take-all primary. Here is CALPEEK's update...

- District 2 - Incumbent Ron Roberts has just finished a 1st round of TV in this contest against underdog community activist Rich Grosch. Some CALPEEK sources who have seen the spot say it's total "fluff" or as another source said, "a warm and feel good piece." The TV buy was about \$5,000 and there could be more. Why air city-wide TV spots for a 2nd district election? For CALPEEK readers outside San Diego, Roberts is looking down the road at a 1992 run for MAYOR. Current S.D. Mayor Maureen O'Connor says she won't seek reelection...

- District 4 - Incumbent Wes Pratt ought to win another term over George Stevens in this rematch from four years ago. What's interesting about this race is the endorsement of Stevens by slow-growth guru Peter Navarro, an economics professor at UC Irvine. Navarro is a liberal Republican in the Roger Hedgecock mold - and sources say he too may want to run for mayor next year. If Stevens were to upset Pratt, Navarro would have a useful ally on the council...

- District 6 - Incumbent Bruce Henderson is expected to win another term against Demo activist Valerie Stallings, who was NOT endorsed organized labor. If Stallings had MONEY, she might give Henderson a solid run. But she doesn't...

- District 8 - Incumbent Bob Filner's campaign is running very smoothly under the direction of Roger Lee & Carol Beddo. His chief rival, Andrea Skorepa, is hurting for MONEY and there isn't much activity on her part. In fact, the real long shot in the

race, Lincoln Pickard, is more active than Skorepa. Turnout will be lower than the other districts, but Filner should win another term without a runoff. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Overlooked, but not forgotten. Franchetti & Franchetti have moved their law & govt. advocacy firm from S.F. to Sacto. Tiffany & Michael are at 1121 "L" St., Ste. 610, Sacramento 95814; (916)441-3600. Jennifer McDonald, ex-COS to former Assemblywoman Marian La Follette, is F&F's AA...

- Burt Oliver has been appointed exec. director of State Bd. of Equalization. He replaces Cindy Rambo, who resigned...

- L.A.-based Cerrell Associates has promoted Laura Fizzolio to Sr. AE and director of Special Events. Fizzolio has been with CA for 4 yrs. Amy Friend has been promoted to Asst. AE. She works in the firm's environmental affairs & special events units...

- L.A. Councilwoman Ruth Galanter has named Betty Fisher as her chief deputy. She replaces Ann Haskins, who resigned. Fisher had been serving as Galanter's special asst. for environmental affairs...

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